POLICE.

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*) : Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,080 for the opening of a Police Out-post with a staff of one first grade Head constable and four fourth class constables, at Thalayar on the outlet road at Udumalpet in the Coimbatore District, and for strengthening the force in the Munnar Out-post with an addition of 6 constables of the fourth class.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know why this was not anticipated at the time the annual budget for 1109 was framed ?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*) : The necessity arose only after the annual budget for 1109 was framed. The Devicolam District Magistrate reported to Government that the revolutionary activities in South India are likely to spread in the Devicolam District owing to its close contact with the British Indian Districts. It was therefore found necessary to reinforce the strength of the Munnar Out-post for patrol and other police check on the frontier and the establishment of an out-post at Thalayar on the outlet road with a Head constable and four constables to prevent the ingress of bad characters from British India. Another reason for this is the recent looting of the National Bank at Ootacamund and it is quite possible for the looters to enter the High Range and raid the Banks in Devicolam. The police patrol and watch over the area lying contiguous to the Coimbatore District are the only remedial measures to combat the evil movement.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Ordinarily, answers to questions are expected to be short.

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*) : I have finished my answer, Sir.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : I have not finished, Sir. When did the Police Department here receive information about the looting of the Ooty Bank? Was it before the budget was prepared, or after ?

MR B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*) : After.

MR M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know the date of the looting ?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*) : The information is not now available with me.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*) : What is the need for strengthening the Munnar Out-post ?.

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*) : There are only 6 constables and one Head constable there now. Munnar is a big town. For day duty and night patrol, the number of men available is not sufficient. For night patrol and as a general precautionary measure, it is proposed to strengthen the force there. There was formerly an Inspector at Munnar : but, as the number of cases for investigation by an Inspector was very few, the Inspector's post was abolished and the number of constables reduced. Now, we find the necessity to increase the number of men there for the foregoing reasons.

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MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know———

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The member has already sat down.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): He sat down because I stood up.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT; It was some time after he sat down that you got up, Mr. Elenkath.

The demand was put to vote and carried, and the grant was made.

PUBLIC WORKS.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1 lakh, under Demand VI—Public Works, for the formation of a separate P. W. D. Division to attend to the minor irrigation works in the State.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*): I rise to a point of order, Sir. In moving for supplementary grants, it has been the practice to give us the benefit of full information regarding the circumstances necessitating the demand. I now find official members moving for supplementary grants as though they are main demands like those made at the Budget session.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The printed statement furnished to you, though brief, is lucid enough for the purpose, since it tells you that it is for the formation of a separate P. W. D. Division to attend to minor irrigation works in the State. Therefore, I think it is for you, if you want further information on the matter, to put questions to the official member in charge.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I really intended to explain———

DEPUTY PRESIDENT; Mr. Jacob will not be in order if he attempts to speak, because, after making the demand, he immediately sat down.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I sat down only since you got up, Sir.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: So far as I remember, Mr. Jacob sat down after formally moving for the grant, when Mr. Ramasubba Aiyar got up.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*): If so, his position is right, he can continue.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Whether it is right or not, it is for me to decide. If facts are different from what I thought they were, it is a different matter then I shall reconsider my ruling. I saw Mr. Jacob sitting down before Mr. Ramasubba Aiyar got up. If that be so, my position is clear.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Deputy Director of Public Instruction*): Mr. Jacob sat down only after———

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: In this matter, Mr. Chandrasekharan, Mr. Jacob's statement is enough. (*Laughter.*)

If Mr. Jacob really intended to speak and his sitting was accidental, I have no objection to allow him to speak.

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